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USUN FOR LEARY, U.S. REP TO UN CONFERENCE ON UNIDO

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1. FURTHER TO REFTEL, MISOFF CALLED ON UNIDO STAFF MEMBER RANA SINGH FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF UNIDO PREPARATIONS FOR SUBJECT MEETING, SCHEDULED FOR NEW DELHI IN NOVEMBER 1978. ACCORDING TO DRAFT AIDE-MEMOIRE (COPIES BEING SENT AIR MAIL TO IO/DHP, AID AND OES), MEETING, WHOSE CENTRAL FOCUS IS ON MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS, WILL BE ORGANIZED IN TWO PARTS. FIRST PART, FROM NOVEMBER 20 TO 25, IS EXPECTED TO BRING TOGETHER SOME 150 EXPERTS FROM DC'S AND LDC'S TO DISCUSS DETAILED CONCEPTS OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY AND RESULTANT POLICY IMPLICATIONS AS WELL AS SELECTED SPECIFIC PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES; UNIDO WILL PREPARE TECHNICAL PAPERS IN SUPPORT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS. SECOND PART, NOVEMBER 28 TO 30, WILL CONSIST OF MEETING INVOLVING ABOUT 32 MINISTERS TO AGREE UPON POLICY GOALS

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AND PLAN OF ACTION. U.S. WOULD BE INVITED PARTICIPATE BOTH PARTS.

2. SINGH STATES THAT UNIDO PREPARATIONS ARE SERIOUS AND ARE MOVING RAPIDLY AHEAD. HE HAS ALREADY CONTACTED A NUMBER OF ACADEMIC AND INSTITUTIONAL SOURCES OF EXPERTISE WITH A VIEW TO PREPARATION OF SUBSTANTIVE PAPERS; U.S.

CONTACTS INCLUDE HARVARD, APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY INTERNATIONAL AND VOLUNTEERS IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (VITA). UNIDO INTENDS TO ORGANIZE A TECHNICAL MEETING IN JUNE 1978 TO BRING TOGETHER THESE EXPERT SOURCES FOR A REVIEW OF PREPARATIONS.

3. SINGH BELIEVES THAT TOTAL COSTS, IN ADDITION TO LOCAL COSTS THAT WILL BE ABSORBED BY GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, WILL RUN TO ABOUT DOLS 300,000. OF THIS AMOUNT, UNIDO WILL BE ABLE PROVIDE DOLS 100,000; SINGH BELIEVES HE CAN ARRANGE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ABOUT DOLS 50,000 FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS, AND HOPES THAT U.S. CAN PROVIDE DOLS 150,000 TO COMPLETE BUDGET.

4. SINGH PLANS VISIT WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 2 AND WILL CALL ON AID/SCHUWEILER TO ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH INTERESTED PARTIES FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF UNIDO PLANS. GARLAND

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